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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH NON-COMMITTAL ON SUDAN AND THE HUMAN
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11. (SBU) On June 4, PolOff spoke with Sanchita Haque, Senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) UN and Human Rights Wing, to convey reftel points, urging the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) to support the extension of the Special Rapporteur,s term by one year and a strong resolution on the human rights situation in Sudan. Haque said the GOB welcomed the USG,s concern. She pointed out that the government had yet to make a decision on this issue and that it would be done by the Mission in Geneva only after consultation with other members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC). She added that Bangladesh has typically voted to abstain on country specific human rights resolutions, based on the principle of non-interference and on the belief that such resolutions are often politically motivated.
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